NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE STALLINGS STREET / NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD (NCRR) CROSSING IN CLAYTON WITH STALLINGS STREET EXTENSION ALTERNATIVES

Y-4116D Johnston County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Leonard Moore Post # 71, American Legion Building, located at 1300 Old US Highway 70 West, Clayton, 27520.

Three alternatives are being considered to reduce the vehicle / train conflicts at the Stallings Street railroad crossing. Maps of the three alternatives will be available for review, and NCDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments and/or questions will be provided and are encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. <u>Please note</u>: there will be no formal presentation.

All three alternatives being considered (A, B, and C) include the extension of Stallings Street in a westward direction, allowing access onto Main Street (US 70 West), and the closure of the existing railroad crossing at Stallings Street. Alternatives A and B are almost identical, except for the difference in the distance between the proposed Stallings Street extension and the American Legion Building. Alternative B will be closer to the building than Alternative A. The third alternative being considered, Alternative C, shifts the Stallings Street extension furthest from the American Legion property onto a new location, connecting Shotwell Road (SR 1553) and Robertson Street (SR 1709).

Upon completion of the proposed project, the existing Stallings Street at-grade rail crossing will be permanently closed. The crossing currently has a low volume of traffic, and its closing is part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and/or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings statewide.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Marc Hamel, Environmental & Planning Branch, Rail Division at 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1553, phone: (919) 733-7245 x 270, fax: (919) 715-6580, or email: mhamel@ncdot.gov or H. Franklin Vick, PE, Parsons, 5540 Centerview Drive, Suite 217, Raleigh, NC 27606, phone: (919) 854-1341, fax: (919) 851-2103; or email: Franklin.Vick@parsons.com. Comments may be submitted for a period of thirty (30) days following the workshop.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Hamel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.